


REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

By the current Amendment claim 31 has been amended, and U.S. Patent No. 7,044,832 is submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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